







# VI Pan American Conference on Drug Regulatory Harmonization (CPANDHR) "Strengthening National Health Regulatory Authorities" Brasilia, Brazil, July 6-8, 2011

# **INFORMATION TO PARTICIPANTS**

# 1. Venue and date

The Conference will be held at the Headquarter of the Brazilian Health Surveillance Agency – ANVISA (Agência Nacional de Vigilância Sanitária), located at SIA, Trecho 05, Quadra Especial 57, Brasília), between July 6-8 2011, from 9 AM to 6 PM.

## 2. Accommodation

For those whose expenses are not covered by PAHO, we suggest the following hotels in Brasilia – some with special rates for the Conference. Please note that ANVISA is not responsible for any accommodation arrangements, which must be done directly with the hotels.

## Suggested hotels:

Nobile (special tariff) SHN, Quadra 4 Bloco "B"- Asa Norte Tel.: (55 61) 3044 4001

Naoum Plaza Hotel (special tariff) SHS Quadra 5 Blocos H/I - Asa Sul Tel.: (55 61) 3322 4545

Carlton Hotel (special tariff) SHS Quadra 5 Bloco G - Asa Sul Tel.: (55 61) 3224 8819/ 3226 8109

Grand Bittar Hotel SHS Quadra 5 Bloca A - Asa Sul Tel.: (55 61) 3704 5000

Melia Brasil 21 SHS Quadra 6 - Conj. A - Bl.D - Asa Sul Tel.: (55 61) 3218-4700 Mercure Brasilia Líder SHN Quadra 5 Bloco I – Asa Sul Tel.: (55 61) 34264000

Brasília Imperial SHS Quadra 3 Bloco 4 – Asa Sul Tel.: (55 61) 3425 0000

Kubitschek Plaza SHN Quadra 5 Bloco B/A – Asa Norte Tel.: (55 61) 3294 0000

Manhattan Plaza SHN Quadra 2 Bloco A - Asa Norte Tel.: (55 61) 3319 3060

Royal Tulip Brasilia Alvorada SHN Trecho 1, Conj. 1B Blocos A e B – Asa Norte Tel.: (55 61) 3424 7000

# 3. Transportation

There are shuttles from the Setor Hoteleiro Norte to the Conference, which leave daily <u>at 8 AM</u> <u>from Hotel Sonesta</u> (Setor Hoteleiro Norte Quadra 5 Bloco B).

A receptionist and a member of the staff of ANVISA will be waiting for the participants in the hotel lobby. **Please arrive 15 minutes prior to embark**.

If it is not possible to take the official transportation, we suggest the use of taxis:

Taxi companies: Táxi Maranata : 3323 3900 Táxi Brasília: 3323 3030 Táxi Alvorada: 3321 3030

The bus returns to the same point of embark by the end of each Conference day. The drivers are advised not to provide rides and are not allowed to stop during the route.

For transportation from / to the international airport, located only a few kilometers away from the city center, we suggest the use of taxis (the ride costs approx. R\$50 from / to the city center). There is also an executive shuttle that leaves the airport every 15 minutes, taking passengers to the Setor Hoteleiro (R\$8).

For industry members, please refer to contact point of the Brazilian Association in order to have information about transportation and accommodation. Please note that information may differ from those provided in this paper.

## 4. Visa and other requirements

For those who need visas to travel to Brazil, please look for the Brazilian Consulates and Embassies in your home country. Even though it is not a requisite to enter Brazil, we strongly advise that participants have a travel health insurance during your stay in Brasilia, in case of emergencies.

# 5. Climate

The month of July is characterized by hot days and chilly evenings. Temperatures range from 18 to 27  $^{\circ}$ C / 64 to 80  $^{\circ}$ F. The days are extremely dry.

# 6. Visiting Brasília

We suggest the website <u>http://www.venhaparabrasilia.com.br/</u> (only in Portuguese) with official tourist information for Brasiliam including tips for pubs and restaurants..

#### Restaurants in Anvisa's vicinity:

Potência Grill SHIP, área especial 21 Tel.: (55 61) 3361 6761 / 3564

Shopping Cia Center Mall SIA Trecho 3/4 s/n

ParkShopping Food Court Distance: Aprox. 4,9 km

Terraço Shopping Food Court Distance: Aprox. 2,6 km

#### Other restaurants:

Au Fondue SHIS QI 7 Bloco B Loja 30 (Lago Sul) Tel.: (55 61) 3248 3061

Lago – Pontão do Lago Sul (several options)

Coco Bambu SCES Trecho 2, Conjunto 36, Parte C Tel.: (55 61) 3224 5585

Crepe Royale CLS 207 Bloco C s/n Loja 37 Tel.: (55 61) 3443 777 Japanese Restaurant Hana CLS 408 BI B s/n Loja 35 Tel.: (55 61) 3244 9999

Pizzaria Bacco SCLN 309, Bloco A S/n Loja 30 – Asa Norte Tel.: (55 61) 3274 8600

Pizzaria Dona Lenha CLS 201 Bloco A s/n, Loja 1 – Asa Sul Tel.: (55 61) 3322 1234

#### **Cultural events**

JK – O Fundador de Brasília e as Celebridades do Século XX Data: 27/04 a 14/08/2011 Horário: de terça a domingo, das 9h às 18h Local: Memorial JK (Eixo Monumental – Lado Oeste – Praça do Cruzeiro

Festival de Inverno do Pontão do Lago Sul Data: 13/06 a 13/07/2011 Horário: Diariamente a partir das 12h Local: Pontão do Lago Sul

Exposição Casulo Data: 01/01 a 31/12/2011 Local: CCBB – SCES, trecho 2, Lote 22

## 7. Currency and payments

The Brazilian currency is the Real – R\$.

It is not usual in Brasilia that shops and restaurants accept payment in any foreign currency, and for that we suggest the use of official exchange bureaus (which can be found at the airport and malls).

There are banks, ATMs and an exchange bureau easily located at Pátio Brasil Shopping (close to Setor Hoteleiro Sul) and Brasília Shopping (close to Setor Hoteleiro Norte), open from 10 AM to 10 PM.

In June 2011, the official exchange rate to 1 US\$ dollar is of approx. R\$1.65 (one real and sixty five cents). Exchange bureaus are expected to pay approx. R\$1.50 (one real and fifty cents) for each US dollar.

In Brasilia, most shops and restaurants accept credit cards, being Visa and Mastercard those more commonly accepted in Brazil.

In Brazil, the taxes are already included in the price. In restaurants and pubs, it is common to pay 10% for the service as a tip.

#### 8. Voltage

The voltage in Brasilia is 220V. Occasionally, hotels have also 110V outlets.